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TOBACCO TESTING LAB
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any tobacco testing laboratory to trace out the tobacco an nicotine contents in all the tobacco products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c): Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry under the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India is already having a Laboratory for analysis of Nicotine and other important chemical constituents in tobacco. The services of CTRI are being utilized by traders and others for analysis of Nicotine and other qualitative parameters of Tobacco and Tobacco products whenever required.

Tobacco Board is also getting tobacco leaf samples analysed to trace out the pesticide residue levels and analyse chemical characters of leaf tobacco and thereby advising the farmers for production of quality tobacco. Hence, there appears to be no need to set up another tobacco testing laboratory.